	(Original Signature of Member)
113	TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H. R.
To a	amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans who experience extended waiting times for appointments at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs may receive care at non-Department facilities.
	IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	Mr. Denham introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
	A BILL
То	amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans who experience extended waiting times for appointments at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs may receive care at non-Department facilities.
1	Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2	tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4	This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Need Timely
5	Access to Care Act'

1	SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF FEE-BASIS CARE BY DEPARTMENT
2	OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR PATIENTS WHO
3	EXPERIENCE EXTENDED WAITING TIMES.
4	Section 1703 of title 38, United States Code, is
5	amended—
6	(1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (d)
7	as subsection (c) through (e), respectively;
8	(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
9	lowing new subsection (b):
10	"(b) As authorized by section 1710 of this title, the
11	Secretary shall enter into contracts with such non-Depart-
12	ment facilities as may be necessary in order to furnish
13	hospital care or medical services to any veteran enrolled
14	in the patient enrollment system under section 1705 of
15	this title who—
16	"(1) has waited—
17	"(A) seven days or longer for an appoint-
18	ment for primary care in a Department facility;
19	or
20	"(B) 14 days or longer for an appointment
21	for speciality care in a Department facility; and
22	"(2) elects to receive such care in a non-De-
23	partment facility."; and
24	(3) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-
25	graph (1), by inserting "or (b)" after "subsection
26	(a)".